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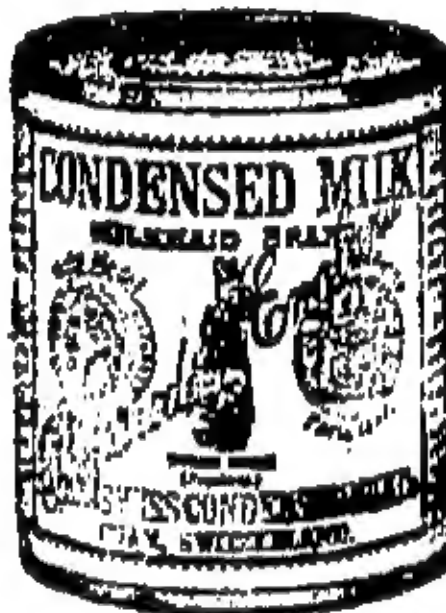
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A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the EOTHEN MARK LODGE on FRIDAY, the 28th Instant, at 5 for 6.30 p.m. precisely. VARIOUS BANTHAMS are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, October 22, 1904.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after 30th October, 1904, the time of 127 East Longitude will be adopted in this Colony.

The effect of this will be that local time will be advanced by 23' 15".
By Command, F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, October 17, 1904.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on the 25th, 27th, and 28th October, 1904, from the Northern end of a ridge to the East of Snugglers Pass in a North-Westerly direction, towards Tai Mo Shan.

Practice will commence at 9 a.m. daily.
L. BARNES-LAWRENCE,
Harbour Master, &c.
Harbour Department,
Hongkong, October 18, 1904.



NOTICE.

A MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held at the Magistrate's Office, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st November, 1904, at 2.15 p.m., to consider the following application:—
From one ADOLPH FREIMANN for the transfer of his Publican's License to sell and retail intoxicating Liquors on the premises situated at Nos. 322 and 324, Queen's Road Central, on the site of 'THE LAMP WE LIVE IN HOTEL' to one BERNARD COHEN.

H. H. J. GUMPERTZ,
Police Magistrate.
Magistrate's Office,
Hongkong, October 14, 1904.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of \$35 per Share for the year 1903, equivalent to 35% on the paid-up Capital of \$100 per Share, has been declared.

WARRANTS will be issued on the 21st October.
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Hongkong, September 23, 1904.

WET 17,000 RUSSIANS CAN FIGHT 100,000 JAPANESE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Port Arthur lies in a sort of natural amphitheatre, surrounded by many hills, each of which is said to be over five hundred feet high. On the summit of these hills the Russians have erected chains of fortifications which constitute the defense of Port Arthur on the land side. The character of these fortifications, the caliber of guns with which they are provided, and the amount of ammunition still at the disposal of General St.essel comprise the factors in the problem of Port Arthur upon which all European speculations regarding the fall of the place are based. There seems to be a general agreement that Port Arthur is not adequately provisioned.

Last June, according to the London Mail, the Russian garrison at Port Arthur, excluding non-effectives, amounted to 28,000 men. This number had been diminished to 24,000 by July, according to the London Times, while to-day, think both these authorities, General Stessel's effectives can not exceed 17,000 men, if so many. The Japanese army of investment, on the other hand, has steadily grown. French and English military experts placing it at 100,000 men. The Figaro (Paris) gives the Japanese total as only 90,000, however. The Matin (Paris), said there were 35,000 Russian troops in Port Arthur three weeks ago, but this must be an overestimate, say English papers.

That cautious and unbiased military organ, the Vienna Zeitschrift, still contends that Japan is not strong enough to rush Port Arthur by assault and move upon Kuropatkin simultaneously. If Port Arthur is properly invested for assault, the pressure upon Kuropatkin must have been relaxed. But if Kuropatkin is being hard pressed, then Port Arthur will have to wait. The defenses of the place, planned by a great Russian engineer, rather than the desperate character of the resistance, are responsible for this.

The Japanese, it would appear, have worked their way up to the hill forts immediately around the town. 'On every one of these hills are semicircular works,' says the London Times; 'that is to say, forts whose fronts toward the enemy on the land side are hidden and protected by mounds or parapets of earth, while their gorges, or sides away from the enemy, are closed by masonry walls impenetrable to scaling-ladders and provided with all the embrasures for the defenders to fire through. Very deep ditches protect these defenses, and another special feature is a series of projecting turrets of masonry. These are sunk deep in the earth so as to be immune from the blasting shells of the enemy, and in them are placed quick-firing guns which sweep the ditches with a hail of iron projectiles.' The works thus erected on the fifteen hills fall into groups with independent areas of action, designed partly to prevent a particular sector from being taken in reverse, and partly to enable one group, if captured, to be raked by fire from a neighboring group. This feature of the fortifications explains why the Russians have been able to recapture positions lost once or twice to the Japanese. The London Mail does not conceal its admiration.

The Russians are determined to fight to the bitter end—and bitter indeed it can not fail to be. Perhaps no other line of action was to be expected of them, and it sensibly heightens the already poignant interest with which the whole world waits on the closing scenes of the tragic drama. There is ever something intensely moving in the thought of brave men, with their backs to the wall, making their last heroic stand, and it is impossible to consider the position of the Russians without sympathy.

Yet the task of the Japanese is appallingly difficult. Imagination lingers before the final catastrophes—the storming, with necessarily enormous loss of life, of the main forts which have not yet been taken, and then the forcing of the last defenses; for several days, perhaps many, of blood poured out like water must elapse before the fall of Port Arthur passes for the second time into history.

The French experts admit that the fall of Port Arthur can now be averted only by a military miracle, but they contend that the

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disaster may be delayed for an appreciable time yet. The Japanese, says the *Paris Times*, have simply decided to subject the Russians to a strain which flesh and blood can not endure. It points out that the defenders at the guns must be supplied with ammunition and eatables, that hundreds are being killed and that the nearer the Japanese come the more terrible must be the slaughter. The ditches have once or twice, its despatches say, been heaped with Japanese dead and wounded. Says the *Figaro*:

"It is perfectly true that the Japanese have seized all the outlying positions, and not very distant from the heart of the place. At the same time, the most difficult, if not the longest, task remains for them to accomplish. The main line of defense, the best armed and the most arduous to approach, has not yet been penetrated. Behind it the Russians, who are great earth-builders, have further organized several successive lines which they are determined to defend obstinately.

"Hence we believe that the Japanese are not yet at the end of their labors. They have already lost men in the numerous combats they have undertaken in the past three months to get near the place. They will yet endure further losses in the attack upon the last positions. . . .

"To sum up, while admitting that the Nippons have already made great progress, we are of opinion that the situation is not so critical as certain manifestly partial despatches would lead one to imagine. The only thing that could hasten the fall of the place would be failure of ammunition."—*The Literary Digest*.

WIND FORCE AT HIGH ALTITUDES.

Experiments with kites down from steamers on the Mediterranean show that there, as in Denmark and France, the wind frequently drops at an altitude of about 500 or 1000 metres; this was not solely with a high barometer, as had at first been thought. It seemed sometimes as if the kites were stopped by a ceiling, and they had fallen from heights of 1000 metres. At about 3000 metres, the wind would usually become fairly constant; sometimes the wind force undulated, giving regular wave-curves of a period of two hours. The weather was often more changeable at a certain height than on the surface. Isolated low-pressure areas vanish at high elevation, and the upper atmosphere, say above 4000 metres, has a general drift to the east along the average isotherms, in accordance with Hildebrandson's cloud observations, while the lower, and much more disturbed atmosphere would, if it acted alone, drift to the west, also approximately along the isotherms. Kites have been down from February to June, 1904, at Ouzhott, on days appointed by the International Aeronautical Committee whenever the wind force exceeded No. 6 on the Beaufort scale. For six weeks after the middle of June the Admiralty placed H.M.S. *Sea Horse*, 600 tons, 1000 horse-power, at the disposal of Mr. Dines in his valuable observations near Cirian Canal; heights of 8500 ft. have three times been reached. The dropping of the wind, already mentioned, has been noticed. The German Emperor, says *Engineering*, has now a kite installation on his yacht *Sleipner*.

At the Tring Agricultural Show the King secured two first prizes, one for the shire Billy Dunmore Nightingale, and the other for the heifer Lady Countess.

In the Natal High Court two Boers, father and son, have just made good their claim to a sum of £723, hidden by them before the war, and handed over to the Government by the natives.

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MAIL STEAMER DEPARTURES.

The following table is a chronologically arranged list of mail steamer sailings to Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. Coast ports, Manila, and Japan are not given, for steamers are constantly sailing for those ports. All the American steamers call at Japan, and the majority of the Australian boats call at Manila, and, in addition to those vessels, special steamers run there. The departure of every steamer is subject to alteration. The P. & O. mails usually reach London in about 28 days, and the French and German in about 28 or 30 days.

EUROPEAN MAIL.

Dep.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	MAIL DUE LONDON ABOUT.	DUE.
Oct. 26	G. M. S. Zanten	Bremen	Nov. 25	Dec. 6
Nov. 1	M. H.	Marseilles	Dec. 30	" 29
" 5	P. & O. Coromandel	London	Dec. 4	" 11
" 9	G. M. S. Prinz Alice	Hamburg	" "	" 20
" 19	P. & O. Simla	London	" "	" 25
" 23	G. M. S. Prinz Regent	Hamburg	" "	" "
" 29	M. M.	Marseilles	Dec. 28	Dec. 27
Dec. 3	P. & O. Chusan	London	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
" 7	G. M. S. Preussen	Hamburg	" "	" 17
" 17	P. & O. Nubia	London	" 15	" 22
" 21	G. M. S. Prinz Eitel Friedrich	Hamburg	" "	" 31
" 27	M. M.	Marseilles	" 25	" 24
" 31	P. & O. Bengal	London	" 29	Feb. 5

AMERICAN MAIL.

Dep.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DUE.
Oct. 27	P. & A. Numantia	Portland, O.	" "
Nov. 1	N. P. L. Lyra	Tacoma	Dec. 29
" 10	do. Gaelic	San Francisco	" "
" 19	P. & A. Arabia	Portland, O.	" 20
" 22	P. M. S. Mongolia	San Francisco	" 31
Dec. 3	do. China	do.	1905
" 15	do. Doric	do.	Jan. 13
" 27	do. Siberia	do.	" 24
1905	do. Coptic	do.	Feb. 4
Jan. 7	do. Korea	do.	" 17
" 19	do. G. H. H.	do.	" 29
Feb. 11	do. Mongolia	do.	Mar. 11

CANADIAN MAIL.

Dep.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DUE.
Nov. 2	O. P. R. Tartar	Vancouver.	Nov. 28
" 16	do. Empress of India	do.	Dec. 7
Dec. 14	do. Empress of Japan	do.	Jan. 4
" 28	do. Athenian	do.	" 21
1905	do. Empress of China	do.	Feb. 2
Jan. 11	do. Tartar	do.	" 18
Feb. 8	do. Empress of India	do.	Mar. 1

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

Dep.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DUE.
Oct. 27	O. N. Taiyuan	Sydney.	Nov. 17
Nov. 10	E. & A. Empire	do.	Dec. 7
" 18	O. N. Tainan	do.	" 9
Dec. 9	C. N. Changsha	do.	1905
" 14	E. & A. Eastern	do.	Jan. 1
" 26	O. N. Chingtu	do.	" 18
1905	do. E. & A. Australian	do.	Feb. 1
Jan. 10	C. N. Taiyuan	do.	" 19
Feb. 20	E. & A. Empire	do.	Mar. 1
" 11	C. N. Tainan	do.	" 8
Mar. 8	E. & A. Eastern	do.	" 22
Apr. 5	" Australian	do.	" 23
May 3	" Empire	do.	Apr. 24

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on
THURSDAY,
the 27th October, 1904, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his Sale Rooms,
DODDLE STREET,
A SELECTION OF CLOTHING AND SATSUMA WARE, IVORY CARVINGS AND SILK EMERSONS, &c., &c.
TERMS:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, October 25, 1904. 1899

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs F. BLACKHEAD & Co., to Sell by Public Auction, on
THURSDAY,
the 27th October, 1904, commencing at 11 A.M., at their Late Premises, (16, Des Voeux Road Central),—
A QUANTITY OF
PACKING, OLD STORES AND STORE FIXTURES, &c., &c.
TERMS:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, October 24, 1904. 1909



PUBLIC AUCTION.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 31st day of October, 1904, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CHOW KAI LAND at Tse-tse-ka Wan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Alcidity	despatch-ship	1700	12	3000	Comdr. Richard M. Harbord	Hongkong
Albion	torpedo boat	12,950	42	15,500	Captain Sydney R. Fremantle	Whampoa
Algeria	torpedo boat	1080	6	1400	Comdr. R. Nugent	Whampoa
Amphitrite	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	18	18,000	Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.	Whampoa
Andromeda	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	18	18,000	Capt. R. N. Unwin	Whampoa
Arcturion	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1200	Lieut. Com. O. V. Malins	Whampoa
Batoum	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1200	Lieut. Comdr. T. D. Pratt	Whampoa
Centurion	torpedo boat	10,100	14	13,000	Captain Fegan	Whampoa
Cressy	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	14,000	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Hongkong
Cherub	water tank and tug	380	—	800	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Hongkong
Epiphany	torpedo boat	1070	10	1400	Lieut. Comdr. Asser	Singapore
Fame	cruiser, 2nd class	380	6	670	Comdr. F. V. Lewis, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Farquhar	torpedo boat	1580	12	2200	Captain Hon. Walter G. Stopford	Hongkong
Galatea	torpedo boat	12,950	18	13,500	Reserve	Whampoa
Hart	torpedo boat	275	6	4000	Lieut. Comdr. F. M. Bladore	Hongkong
Humber	torpedo boat	275	6	4000	Captain W. B. Fauchner	Shanghai
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	1840	17	9000	Lieut. Comdr. A. Gregory	Whampoa
Janus	torpedo boat	280	6	3900	Lt. Comdr. O. P. Metcalfe	Whampoa
Kinshasa	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	18	31,600	Capt. J. A. C. Williams	Whampoa
Leviathan	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt. Comdr. F. B. Noble	Whampoa
Moore	torpedo boat	12,950	18	13,500	Captain T. G. Grest	Hongkong
Ocean	torpedo boat	350	6	6300	Reserve	Whampoa
Other	torpedo boat	1015	6	1400	Comdr. John Nicholas	Whampoa
Phoenix	torpedo boat	385	6	650	Comdr. C. E. Moore	Whampoa
Rambling	torpedo boat	640	10	1400	Comdr. D. St. A. Wake	Whampoa
Rinaldo	river gunboat	25	2	800	Lt. Comdr. R. E. Vaughan	Whampoa
Robin	river gunboat	25	2	800	Lt. Comdr. H. T. Atty	Whampoa
Rondeau	river gunboat	25	2	800	Capt. C. H. H. Moore	Whampoa
Sandpiper	river gunboat	25	2	800	Lt. Comdr. Davidson	Whampoa
Sirius	cruiser, 2nd class	380	6	670	Lieut. Comdr. Crawford	Hongkong
Snake	river gunboat	25	2	800	Comdr. Dickson	Hongkong
Taku	torpedo boat	250	6	240	Lt. Comdr. E. V. Dagmore	Whampoa
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	8	—	Capt. J. A. C. Williams	Whampoa
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lieut. Comdr. R. H. Keate	Hongkong
Thetis	cruiser, 2nd class	3400	8	9000	Capt. Leslie Stuart, O.M.G.	Hongkong
Twoed	coast defence gunboat	363	3	200	Comdr. S. St. John Farquhar	Whampoa
Vengeance	torpedo boat	12,950	18	13,500	Reserve	Hongkong
Vestal	torpedo boat	280	6	1400	Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Whampoa
Virago	torpedo boat	325	6	6300	Lieut. Com. O. W. Wrightson	Whampoa
Waterwitch	surveying ship	680	—	450	Reserve	Whampoa
Whiting	torpedo boat	380	6	5900	Lieut. Com. W. Wrightson	Whampoa
Woodcock	river gunboat	180	2	800	Reserve	Whampoa
Wolverine	river gunboat	180	2	800	Reserve	Whampoa

* Flag of Admiral Sir Gerard H. Noel, Commander-in-Chief.

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Aspern	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	2437	20	7000	Capt. Friedrich Grunenberg	Singapore
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	29	8000	Captain Mirl	Shanghai
Acheron	French armoured gunboat	1798	10	1700	Comdr. Laferriere	Salgona
Alouette	French gunboat	300	7	400	Lieut. A. Varney	Salgona
Argus	French gunboat	123	—	500	Lieut. Crespin	Salgona
Aspie	French gunboat	475	8	450	Lieut. Journe	Salgona
Avalanche	French gunboat	140	6	150	Capt. Leblanc	Salgona
Bangall	French gunboat	3740	29	9000	Capt. Leblanc	Salgona
Bogues	French gunboat	140	6	150	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Casse-tete	French gunboat	8018	18	17,000	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Chetumal	French gunboat	625	4	438	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Cometa	French gunboat	640	10	900	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Decidie	French gunboat	4000	31	9600	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
D'Auss	French gunboat	350	7	503	Lieut. Johannes	Salgona
Estos	French gunboat	9378	36	20,900	Lieut. Comdr. Beaussant	Salgona
Froude	French gunboat	307	7	300	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Guyard	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Henri Riviere	French gunboat	9700	12	19,600	Captain Gros	Salgona
Javeline	French gunboat	4015	27	8500	Capt. Houtet	Salgona
Kersaint	French gunboat	3437	8	8771	Capt. Houtet	Salgona
Montcalm	French gunboat	1798	10	1700	Capt. Vincent	Salgona
Pascal	French gunboat	9856	—	20,000	Captain Guibert	Salgona
Redoubtable	French gunboat	829	2	900	Lieut. Holgue	Salgona
Soyr	French gunboat	6150	23	4680	Captain Blondet	Salgona
Surprise	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Carol	Salgona
Taklang	French gunboat	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Salgona
Vauban	French gunboat	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Prowe	Salgona
Vigilante	French gunboat	1778	15	2900	Comdr. von Studnitz	Salgona
Bussard	German cruiser	8230	34	10,000	Capt. Weber	Salgona
Furst Bismarck	German cruiser	6500	37	10,000	Capt. Baron Schimmelmann	Salgona
Gaeta	German cruiser	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Hertha	German cruiser	900	10	1300	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Ilia	German cruiser	1009	8	875	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Jaguar	German cruiser	1540	15	2800	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Juchs	German cruiser	2680	24	6000	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Mowe	German cruiser	900	10	1300	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Sesadler	German cruiser	170	5	1800	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Thetis	German cruiser	170	5	1800	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Tiger	German cruiser	170	5	1800	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Tringtau	German cruiser	170	5	1800	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Vorwarts	German cruiser	170	5	1800	Comdr. Baron von M. Halleson	Salgona
Elba	Italian cruiser	2300	10	7471	Captain Bona Rinal	Salgona
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	3800	—	—	Captain Prochiro	Salgona
Puglia	Italian cruiser	2408	29	7000	Capt. Pasotto	Salgona
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	1950	14	4000	Captain d'Antas Ribeiro	Salgona
Dia	Portuguese cruiser	729	—	—	Captain Coutinho	Salgona
Vasco de Gama	Portuguese cruiser	3215	20	6000	Capt. Manuel Vasco de Carvalho	Salgona
Alcega	Russian gunboat	810	6	790	Comdr. Guinter	Salgona
Amur	Russian gunboat	2800	15	4700	Comdr. Gramatikoff	Salgona
Askold	Russian gunboat	6000	27	24,000	Capt. Reiznitschkin	Salgona
Bayan	Russian gunboat	7800	10	16,500	Comdr. Reiznitschkin	Salgona
Bolshoi	Russian gunboat	1030	8	1100	Comdr. Reiznitschkin	Salgona
Bogoy	Russian gunboat	6840	12	19,500	Comdr. Reiznitschkin	Salgona
Diana	Russian gunboat	6781	6	8000	Comdr. Reiznitschkin	Salgona
Dighele	Russian gunboat	1450	3	1700	Comdr. Reiznitschkin	Sal

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Meeting.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Kowloon Cricket
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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, October 27—
9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
11 a.m.—Auction of Packing, Old Stores
and Store Fixtures, etc., at 16, Des
Vaux Road Central.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Old Irons and
Sausage Ware, etc., at Mr Geo. P.
Lammert's Sales Rooms.

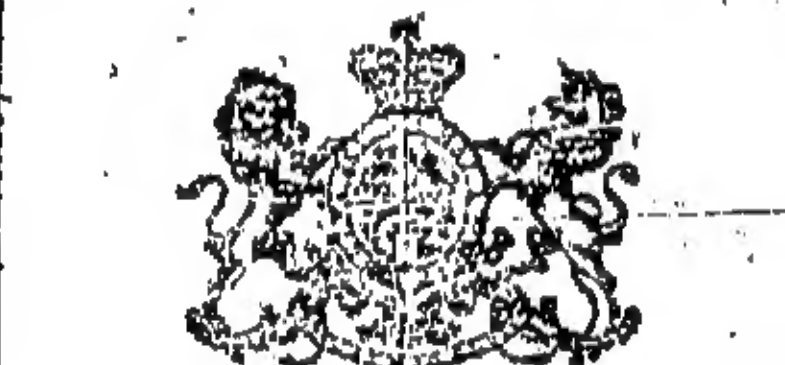
FRIDAY, October 28—
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Kowloon Mark
League.
Goods per *Sybil* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, October 30—
Goods per *Typhoons* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, October 31—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the
Public Works Department's Offices.

TUESDAY, November 1—
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at Magistrate's.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

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Son.
On October 18, at No. 4, Amoy Road,
Shanghai, the wife of J. A. ORANSEN, of a
Son.
At Meiji, on September 20, the wife of
BOHMER, of a Son.
On October 18, at 12, Ward Road, Shang-
hai, the wife of F. O. ARMISTEAD, of a
Daughter.

On October 8, at Chungking, West China,
the wife of LEONARD WOLMAN, of a Son.
On October 20, at the residence of Cap-
tain, 30, Seward Road, Shanghai, the
wife of HARRY WILSON, of the Woonung
Fort Hotel, of a Son.

MARRIAGES.
On October 17, at Holy Trinity Cath-
edral, Shanghai, CHARLES CHURCHMAN, of the
English Baptist Mission, Shenoi, to LOUISA
WALSH, second daughter of William Walsh,
Belvedere.

On October 19, at H.I.G.M.'s Consulate-
General, MARCELLA F. LAND to EMMA
FRANCIS HARRIS.
On October 12, at Yokohama, JOMI,
second son of the late John Anderson, of
St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland, to ANNE,
eldest daughter of the late S. Mendelson,
of San Francisco, and Mrs Mendelson of
Yokohama.

On October 17, at Holy Trinity Cath-
edral, Shanghai, THOMAS EDMUND LOWER,
of the English Baptist Mission, Shenoi, to
MARGARET GERTRUDE, eldest daughter of
James Morgan, Walthamstow.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr SOHARJE DHUNJEESHOY SETNA takes
this opportunity of conveying his thanks to
the many kind friends and sympathisers,
Parsees, Indians, and Europeans (both
Civil and Military) who have expressed their
condolence at the sad demise of his
late lamented father, Mr Dhunjeebhooy
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1904.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Already the Baltic fleet
has 'put its foot into it,'
INTERNATIONAL if such a combination can
be said to have a foot.
Its raid upon the harm-
less trawlers of the North Sea was un-
expected as it is inexplicable, and goes
to show that if the fleet is allowed to
proceed much further upon its journey
without being thoroughly impressed
with the fact that no nonsense will be
tolerated it will be up to some pretty
pranks as soon as it gets in the regular
track of commerce and out of the way
of foreign war vessels. The scouting
parties it will be able to send out in
search of merchantmen on the way to
the East should afford sport for the
fleet commanders and 'copy' for the
newspapers, as well as excellent grounds
for further growls from the British lion.
But if a powerful fighting factor like the
Baltic fleet is to be allowed to sink
harmless fishing boats simply because
wild rumours are abroad that the
Japanese have decided to adopt daring
methods of putting the various men-of-
war out of the way what might they
not do if they meet, on the ocean high-
way, a good-sized merchantman. If a
tiny smack can be magnified into a dead-
ly enemy it is impossible to estimate what
monstrous magnitude a blue-funnel or a
P. and O. steamer will assume in the
eyes of the Admiral in command.
With an exaggerated idea of the re-
lative potency and danger of ships such
as the Russian Admiral seems to have
it will be advisable for the International
police man to come forth with his
baton and keep a clear track for the
fleet right away to Japan. Otherwise
we will be having disaster on all hands.
Were the matter not so serious and the
object of the fleet not so important to
Russia, the charge of the *Standard* that
it will develop into an 'international
nuisance' would be decidedly humorous.
As it is the remark ought to live in
history. Can anyone imagine such an
appellation being given to a fleet of such
large dimensions going out as the last
hope of a powerful nation to wrest the
laurels of victory from a foe? It is a
loftier hope, of course, but upon its
failure or success in its mission the fate
of great Russia hangs, and then to
call it a nuisance! The very idea is
preposterous! But it is painfully true.
Russia handles the fleet like an over-
grown baby, and then sent an invita-
tion to the Japanese to come and play
with it.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The English Mail of the 24th Septem-
ber was delivered in London on the 22nd
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nocent fishing boats will give an idea
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thing to Russia's credit. The Powers
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being rigorously followed we are bound
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Canton-Macao Line.
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A Smart Capture.
For years past the New Territory has
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INTERPORT CRICKET.

The Shanghai Team for Hongkong.

The team to represent Shanghai at Hongkong was definitely settled on Oct. 19. The following are the selected players:—

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O. V. Dunne	... Do.
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R. V. Potter	... Do.
W. J. Tappin	... Recreation Club.
T. Wallace	... Do.
Reserve man:	
A. J. H. Moulie	... Cricketer Club.
Scorer:	
K. Rayden	... Do.

COLLISION IN THE HARBOUR.

Several Men Injured.

A collision occurred in the harbour near the Harbour Master's Office, between seven and eight o'clock this morning between the Chinese Mutual Steamer *Kwong Tak* and several cargo boats, which resulted in one man being severely injured about the legs, and four others being slightly wounded. The *Kwong Tak* had entered the harbour and almost completed her voyage from Canton. She was making for her buoy, and in order to make fast to it a boat was lowered, in which five Chinamen were placed. Several Chinese steam launches with cargo boats in tow were heaving to, and the *Kwong Tak* was reaching her side before she had tied up to her buoy. A number of the cargo junks swung round and collided with the side of the *Kwong Tak*, jamming the small boat in.

Before the occupants of the little craft could clear her sides were stove in, and one of them was pinned down by the wreckage.

The ship, after some difficulty, was extricated from this perilous position and was taken to the hospital by the police, where it was found that he was severely injured about the lower extremity of his body.

It is probable that one leg at least will have to be amputated. The other four men received minor bruises and cuts, but nothing serious.

THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Excitement in Canton.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, October 23.
Another large meeting has been held here in the Temple of Longevity at which more than five hundred persons were present.

Determined action was decided on, Russia and France were charged with being behind Belgium, in the question of securing railway debentures, and, therefore, the extreme bitterness felt at the alleged transference of stock.

The Government was berated in no measured terms and charged with relinquishing its authority, and partitioning the country without the slightest emotion of any kind.

Twenty thousand pamphlets are to be printed in which shall be clearly stated the present crisis, and these shall be scattered throughout the provinces interested, the prefectures, and the counties.

THE KWANGSI REBELS.

Capture of Another Town.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, October 23.
It is reported here that the town of Hing Lin, in Kwangsi, has been lost to the rebels at the cost of great losses to the Imperial troops.

The garrison of the city had made full preparation to protect it, but on the day of the attack a heavy mist covered everything, so that the soldiers' vision was obscured, and, therefore, from the watch-towers on the walls they could not detect the insurgents.

A sudden rush carried the city. The defenders rallied, and fiercely attacked the enemy. The Imperial troops, however, were slaughtered in countless numbers, and among the slain were four officers of high rank.

The Commander-in-chief was driven to frenzy. It is said here in the native papers that the power of the rebels has greatly increased lately, and that they grow like herds of madly cattle.

The N. O. Daily News says:—A Kuclun, capital of Kwangsi province, dispatch reports the destruction by fire the other day of the armoury of the Tzuotai of the Yungling Intendency where were stored some 250,000 Mauser smokeless cartridges and several thousand stand of rifles. Several lives were also lost by the explosions. It is suspected that the place was set fire to by emissaries of the insurgents. No arrests have been made so far.

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UP THE WEST RIVER.

A Trip for the Jaded Hongkongite.

(From our Own Correspondent.)
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To the foreigner resident in the Far East, more or less jaded by the climate, a change of scene, i.e., a trip, is always welcome. To the resident in Hongkong, however, a trip is often out of the question, involving as it does crossing the sea, not to mention the time and expense involved. But even to the Hongkongite there is a pleasant trip right at his very doors of which he hardly ever avails himself. This involves no rough toiling at sea, and, moreover, can be indulged in for a very moderate expenditure of hard earned cash. Let me not tantalise the reader any more, but reveal the mystery, viz., a voyage up the West River to Wuwong.

In the past this journey has involved considerable inconvenience and expense, hence it is no wonder that it has not become popular, but to those who have done it, it has always been enjoyable. Now, however, there is no further room for excuse, for good direct steamers of the British West River Company leave Hongkong three times a week. Of these steamers, the s.s. *Linton* is according to my estimate, one of the best, having been just built for the run. This boat is 655 tons register, and is commanded by Captain Bires, who is assisted by a foreign chief officer and engineer. There is of course an excellent saloon, and what is more to the point, a passage from the saloon, by which all the cabins can be reached, thus avoiding a wretched little windmill in going to and from. The cabins are good, and contain electric light and mosquito nets. Speaking of these nets I wonder what on earth led the company to purchase nothing but such a microscopic mesh. Perhaps they thought West River mosquitoes are microscopic. As a matter of fact, no mosquito can get through a net of even ten holes to the inch. And how delightfully cool is such a net. The reason people imagine that the pests get through is because in almost every case the net is in fact a mere screen, and the mosquitoes are able to enter with them. Nets to be serviceable after washing should always be made about twice the circumference of the bed in length of netting. But this by the way.

Another point which was striking in such an up to date vessel, was the fact that the boat with bath and kitchen, for Eastward travel, is a separate boat. For Westward travel, the addition of a knife machine, at a couple of pounds, would have saved the knives for years of use, saved the boy's time and patience, and saved the company a fair sum of money. But the East is East.

Above the saloon and cabins is a fine open promenade deck, reaching the whole length of the ship. This is the place for those who enjoy the whole voyage which I must now proceed to describe, assuming with the reader's permission, that he knows next to nothing of what a trip up the West River means. Therefore I shall be explicit.

The s.s. *Linton* leaves Hongkong every Wednesday evening at seven from a pier towards West Point. The lights of the inimitable harbour of Hongkong are quickly lost to sight. The only lights that are visible are those of the other vessels moving in the same river, and the lights of the delta. The river is taken towards Wuwong.

Here is the only bit of open sea on the trip, and when a strong southerly wind blows it can be uncomfortable, but in any case it is soon past. But usually the passage is never realised, as the left the narrow waters of the delta, and the river is entered. The Customs, Imperial Maritime, for so we are now in China, need not detain us. All through the night we will be navigating various channels in this Great West River Delta, while the once were islands rising up to break the monotony. This is the great salt district of South China, and a large part of the level reclaimed land is under malbar cultivation.

To the foreigner accustomed to the malbar trees it will appear strange to see nothing but rows and rows of what might be called raspberry cane, though the growth is more like the hard nut. But the Chinese found that they can get a better crop of leaves, if every year they cut the growth down to the ground. In the winter, therefore, the whole place is bare.

In the early morning the main stream of the West River will be reached, strange to say we will turn down stream away from our final destination, but we have first of all to call at the newly opened Treaty-port of Kungmoo, i.e., River Gate, and as the low hills do close together below this place it is not inappreciable. This place, about which my reader may never have heard, is, however, one of the biggest passenger centres in South China. The s.s. *Linton* will probably discharge some hundred Chinese passengers from Hongkong, and the river steamers will do likewise, and all the passenger boats and steam launches must not be forgotten. And this goes on daily. One of the strange things in connection with the passenger traffic is the giving of free passage to a passenger of merit, called a 'runner'. As a reward for merit, he introduces his passenger, or more, selects his berth or deck space, receives ten cents a head and a free passage to or from Hongkong to boot. He also carries a big basket, but it must not be mentioned that he doubtless does a good business as well. As many as 120 of these passengers have been carried on one trip, but all attempts to put a stop to the custom have failed. It would mean no passengers not to carry them, and as one of the main reasons of the existence of the West River Company is this passenger traffic it has to be tolerated. At Kungmoo there is little to be seen beyond the Canton House. The city itself is some two miles up the creek. There is also a British Consulate at this point. Leaving Kungmoo the West River itself is ascended, almost due North until the next Treaty-port of Samahai is reached. There is nothing of particular interest in this town except the fact that the river is navigable up to the mouth of the Kungmoo, where passengers may be put down, or the rapid at Samahai, where there is also a Customs station.

Arrived at Samahai the scene changes. Here a narrow channel leads from the West River to the mouth of the North River. By a direct creek it is but eighteen miles to Canton, but by the steamers route it is some thirty miles. However, if the passenger lands and crosses over the bridge, he will find the river is navigable up to the mouth of the North River, where the steamers will be put down, or the rapid at Samahai, where there is also a Customs station.

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ARTILLERY IN THE FAR EAST.

(By R. E. TARKER.)
The following appears in the *United Service Magazine* for October, advance number having been sent us:—

There has been a persistent popular notion, ever since the first Japanese victories suggested it, that the early Chinese are to be credited with the first discovery of gunpowder. This fallacy was completely exploded thirty-five years ago by my former colleague, the late Mr. W. F. Mayers, of Leppin, who demonstrated clearly, in a learned paper contributed to the *Journal of the Shanghai Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society*, that no proof whatever of this alleged discovery can be adduced; that, notwithstanding, there is ground for believing that gunpowder may have been introduced into China from the West, and that the first century of our era, but that, in any case, it was for many centuries only used for crackers and fireworks, in lieu of, or supplementary to, the ancient bamboo squibs.

Still, it is unquestionable that, long before the Christian era, the Chinese had discovered, or at all events had used, a machine of some kind capable of propelling good-sized stones. The allusion to these machines, however, retrospective. In the third century of our era there is specific mention of 'cracking-carts,' or 'stone-throwing carts,' these were successfully employed in demolishing the towers from which weapons were cast into a besieged city; and, in connection with the same subject, the grandson of the Emperor, who invented the 'stone-thrower,' is said to have 'fired of p'ao like thunder.' The grandson died in 237, and the new word 'p'ao' then used is still the only Chinese word for 'cannon.' Hence their 'artillery,' which means exactly the same thing as the Chinese term *Ma-p'ao*, or 'cannon-firing,' applied to the p'ao, may be said to date, in a strictly historical sense, from the beginning of the third century.

Early in the seventh century 'cannon-firing-stones,' were fired by a celebrated general in attacking a certain usurper who died in the year 681; the name 'Ma-p'ao' or 'cannon-firing-stones' were given to these stones, and they were used extensively against the Turks in 689. Both the Tibetans and the Shans, or early Siamese, made use of 'goose carts' in their war with China two centuries after, but these were not very large, but it is quite certain that they were used in taking towns by storm. In 928, Chinese troops made extensive use against the Turks in 928. Both the Tibetans and the Shans, or early Siamese, made use of 'goose carts' in their war with China two centuries after, but these were not very large, but it is quite certain that they were used in taking towns by storm. In 928, Chinese troops made extensive use against the Turks in 928. 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